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National Cemetery of the Alleghenies

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- The new 292-acre national cemetery located in Washington County will serve veterans' needs for the next 50 years. The cemetery is located southwest of Pittsburgh.
- The firm, Marshall, Tyler Raush of Pittsburgh has completed the master plan design, and preparation of construction documents. Burials began Aug. 15, 2005, in an initial development area. This small-scale development is separate from the major phase one construction project and allows for burials to begin during construction of the cemetery. Initial operations will be conducted from an office trailer, a temporary committal service shelter, and equipment shed.
- VA expects to award a construction contract and begin construction of the permanent phase one facilities in the fall of 2005. The initial phase one construction will include: an entrance area, administration/maintenance complex, committal service shelters, full-casket gravesites, in-ground sites and columbaria niches for cremated remains.
- VA prepared an Environmental Assessment for the Washington County site in June 2001. The Department of Veterans Affairs purchased the first of two parcels from private citizens in December 2002 and the second parcel in March 2003.
- This new cemetery to serve veterans in the greater Pittsburgh metropolitan area is the third national cemetery in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania's other national cemeteries are Indiantown Gap near Annville and Philadelphia. More information on VA's National Cemetery Administration is available on its website, www.cem.va.gov.